



57. A method according to claim 56, wherein said intimin, intimin-like protein, or portion thereof is purified.

58. A method according to claim 56, wherein said intimin, intimin-like protein, or portion thereof is enriched.

59. A method according to claim 56, wherein said intimin, intimin-like protein, or portion thereof is histidine-tagged.

60. ~~A method of providing passive immune protection comprising administering anti-intimin antibodies to a patient in need thereof~~

61. A method of promoting a protective immune response against bacteria expressing intimin or intimin-like proteins, comprising administering to a patient intimin, an intimin-like protein, or a portion thereof which retains binding activity.

62. A method according to claim 61, wherein said intimin, intimin-like protein, or portion thereof is purified.

62. A method according to claim 61, wherein said intimin, intimin-like protein, or portion thereof is enriched.

63. A method according to claim 61, wherein said intimin, intimin-like protein, or portion thereof is histidine-tagged.--

REMARKS

The above new claims correspond to claims 15-18, 27, and 47-50 as originally filed and, as such, introduce no new matter.

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